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Office of General Counsel
999 E. Street, N. W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

REF: MUR 6282

Dear Sir/Madam:

Thank you for forwarding the complaint filed against my failed campaign for U.S. Congress in Indiana's 8th District.

Tom Langhorne, a reporter for the Evansville Courier News, called me in April of this year and informed me that he had received a faxed copy directly from Steven L. Reeves of his complaint that he had filed with the Federal Election Committee against me and my campaign.

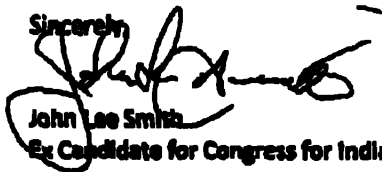
Apparently, Mr. Reeves wanted the paper to know that he had filed the complaint in hopes that the newspaper would report that a complaint had been filed against my campaign. This type of activity is sadly all too common in today's political campaigns, but the goal of this complaint was clearly an attorney hired by my opponent to discredit me and my campaign.

The argument was made that my campaign failed to file the appropriate forms, FEC form 1, or FEC form 2. This person would not have any knowledge of my campaign activities, except from the FEC. But the files at the FEC would reveal that my campaign did file with the FEC in a timely fashion, only with the state forms, which were the required forms the last time I ran for Congress. That was simply a mistake on my part.

And lastly, the television commercial that my campaign ran was somehow missing a disclaimer. Rest assured that my media buyer and producer of the television spot, Oswald Communications of Evansville, followed the letter of the law as did the network television stations that carried the commercial in Evansville, Indiana, and Terre Haute, Indiana. Both stations said the commercial was correct. I was the only one to appear in the advertisement, and it was very clearly my political campaign with the appropriate disclaimers spoken and in print as required by the FEC.

The campaign is over, and I lost, but rest assured that every attempt was made by me and by every volunteer to comply with all of the FEC guidelines.

Sincerely,



John Lee Smith

Ex-Candidate for Congress for Indiana's 8th District

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